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Alleged hazing scandal exposed

BY DAVID P. FUNK
Sports Editor

photo by Rick Holtz

***The Chronicle* shines light on an alleged hazing scandal involving former members of Alph Psi Lambda.**

According to Greek organization Alpha Psi Lambda, late last spring, around May, four of its members conducted activities with associate members, or pledges, separate from the organization.

Members of Theta Rho Upsilon may have also been present.

What exactly happened that night is known only to those involved, but rumors of hazing and/or harassment are abundant.

A few weeks later, a member of Alpha Psi Lambda came forward and informed the chapter of what took place. The other three members were then confronted.

From there, a hearing was held for each of the students in which evidence was presented and responses were given.

None of the four members remain a part of the organization. The pledges involved are now members.

Over the summer, four names were removed from the organization's web site. Those names include Sanjay Anand, Pervies Lane, Katina Rivera and Eric Soco.

Raul Avila, national president of Alpha Psi Lambda, said that this was an isolated incident. He informed *The Chronicle* that more conduct workshops would be held with Epsilon chapter at PUC to compliment a strong alumni and national office presence in an effort to curb this type of behavior in the future.

"I'm very sad that it happened, I wish it hadn't happened. I know some of them on a personal level, so I was disappointed," said Avila. "I was happy it was handled quickly and the chapter showed they wouldn't accept that."

The last time that Avila spoke with *The Chronicle*, the university had not been informed of the situation.

Avila expressed Alpha Psi Lambda's intent to inform the university by the end of last week after the organization concluded its investigation and determined if any violations of university policy had occurred.

Avila said the organization wanted to complete its own investigation before bringing it to PUC.

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According to 'Regulations Governing Student Conduct, Disciplinary Proceedings and Appeals' Section B-2g, "violation

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PUC dining services now taking reservations

BY DARREN ZANCAN
Editor in Chief

On a normal school day, a student at PUC could walk into the cafeteria and buy a meal to satisfy their hunger. They could walk to the cashier, take out a few singles and buy their food. However, after a few meals students may find their pockets are not as full.

There is now a solution to this problem.

Chartwells dining teamed up with the university to develop a meal plan card called "Standing Reservations."

Larry Posen, director of dining services, proposed this plan to PUC back in January.

"We did a lot of surveys and wanted to know what kind of interest level we would get," said Posen. "The response was very good."

There are four types of meal cards. There is a 200, 500, 800 and 1100 dollar food plan. Each food plan offers a bonus. For example, if someone purchases a 500 dollar plan, they will receive five free meals.

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Move in day begins new era for the university

photo by Rick Holtz

Excitment was in the air as new residents finally moved in to their apartments.

BY RICK HOLTZ
Managing Editor

A number of people have been counting down the days left for summer vacation.

Some were looking forward to going back to school, while others were dreading having to get up early for class again this year.

Other people were counting down the days of summer for a completely different reason. These people were about to become a piece in PUC history.

Move in day at the University Village has finally come and passed.

"It completely changes the way the campus thinks about itself and how the community thinks about the campus," said Chancellor Howard Cohen.

Residents were able to begin moving into their new on campus apartments on Friday, August 26. There were about 200 people scheduled to move in this past weekend.

It was not just PUC staff, parents and other students helping with the move.

Chancellor Cohen, along with the Vice Chancellors were on hand, greeting students and parents, as well as assisting in moving residents to their apartments.

Students moved into the University Village for many different reasons.

"I like having the full college experience," said Jasmine White, freshman studying communication. "It is so convenient that they decided to get apartments when I went to college.

"I like the fact that instead of a dorm, it is an apartment."

White went on to say that living on campus will help because she would not have a ride to her classes.

The University Village is not only for freshman or transfer students who do not want to go back home. Residents range over all ages and class statuses.

"I don't think college life is complete unless you move away from home," said Rohan Johnson, a resident assistant living at the University Village.

Residents will have plenty of activities to keep themselves busy over the next few weeks, but Chancellor Cohen said that the University Village will provide opportunities for all students on campus.

"There will be more student life for all students," said Cohen regarding one benefit of having on-campus living.

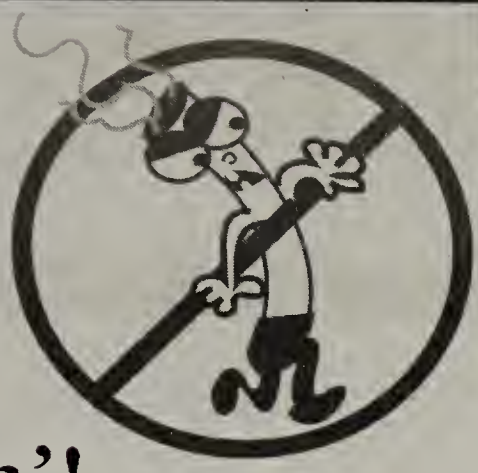
Though the day moved relatively smooth, it was not without minor mishaps.

"I locked myself out of the room," said White. "The next time it is $15 and it won't happen again.

"I guess it was jitters."

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

This updated campus policy is smokin'!



Have you seen members of the campus community-faculty, staff and students-smoking near doorways of university buildings? Probably, yes. And you may have walked through clouds of smoke at times when entering a building on your way to a class.

Well, Chancellor Howard Cohen issued a memorandum last spring that strengthens the university's smoking policy, so all campus community members can breathe cleaner air.

The smoking policy already forbade smoking in any university building; doorway of any building; in the proximity of air intake vents of any campus building; any buildings operated or owned by Purdue Calumet *at off-campus locations; and in any university vehicles.* The updated policy pertains to enforcement.

Smoke patrol hits the streets

Effective this semester, a private security firm will patrol campus building doorways to remind smokers if they are in violation of the policy and request their cooperation in adhering to the policy.

Anyone who violates the smoking policy will receive a copy of the policy printed on a business card and will be directed to cigarette ash receptacles located where smoking is permitted.

Smoking is permitted only in the parking lots and in the immediate vicinity of outdoor cigarette ash receptacles located on campus grounds.

Butt, what if people don't follow the policy?

The security firm will collect data on the success of their efforts to gain voluntary compliance with the smoking policy.

Voluntary compliance is being undertaken in the spirit of campus collegiality. However, failure of the effort to gain voluntary compliance may result in the campus adopting a smoke-free campus policy. Such a policy would prohibit smoking on all campus property.

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What's Goin' On?

A look around campus

Looking for a few good writers

The Chronicle is looking for anyone interested in writing positions or photography positions for the upcoming semester. If you are interested in either please call 989-2547 or stop in at SUL 344H and fill out an application.

Chronicle hiring for Entertainment Editor

The Chronicle is looking for an entertainment editor for the upcoming fall semester. Some duties include managing staff writers, assigning stories and writing feature articles.

If you are interested in joining the staff please email editorinchiefdz@yahoo.com, call 989-2547 or stop by Newsroom, Student Union and Library Building 344H.

Choral group to reform

Like Music? Like to Sing? If so, please plan to attend an organizational meeting for a new choral group on campus. The group will be directed by Patricia Hales, continuing lecturer in music. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13 at 3:30 in Student Union and Library 353. If you are interested and cannot attend the meeting, please fill out an information sheet available in the Communication & Creative Arts Office, Porter 118, or from Ms. Hales, Porter 114A.

Free movie showing at *Hammond Public Library*

The Hammond Public Library will host "Hispanic Heritage Event" on September 17 at 1:30 pm. The film will star Adam Sandler. For more information or to know the movie title, please call 931-5100.

Adult Open Mic

Adults who sing, rap, recite poetry, play a musical instrument or demonstrate a talent may perform at Adult Open Mic at the Hammond Public Library.

Performances should be suitable for family audiences. For more information please contact Melody Scott at 931-5100, Ext. 351.

Northwest Indiana Youth Symphony to hold auditions

The Northwest Indiana Symphony Youth Orchestra offers a select group of young musicians a dynamic and educational musical environment, which places a strong emphasis on artistic excellence, personal growth and providing exceptional performance experiences. The Youth Orchestra is open to highly accomplished musicians by audition only. The Youth Orchestra announces fall auditions for the 2005-2006 season for trumpets, trombones, French horns, basses and clarinets. Auditions will take place Saturday, September 3, 2005 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Applicants should log on to www.NISOrchestra.org and follow the Youth Orchestra link for complete information. For more information contact yo@NISOrchestra.org. or 921-3237 with additional questions.

Auditions being held for A Midsummer Nights Dream

The Highland Performing Arts Group will be holding auditions for A Midsummer Nights Dream on September 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. and September 10, from noon to 3 p.m. Auditions will be held at the Lincoln Center located at 2450 Lincoln Street in Highland. There are 21 roles (13 males and 8 female) along with other minor roles. For more information please call 613-3737 or 838-0114.

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Hazing, a growing epidemic nationwide

BY ELIZABETH WILKINSON
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In February 2005, a college junior was pledging a fraternity at the University of California, Chico. The fraternity was not officially tied to the university because of misconduct in the past. The young pledge, 21- year- old Matthew Carrington, was told to do calisthenics while fraternity members poured water on him and a friend. The members blew cold air on the pledges with giant fans and forced them to drink water from a five gallon jug. They were not allowed to use the bathroom and had to ask for permission to wet themselves.

Carrington collapsed and was later pronounced dead. Hypothermia and water intoxication were the cause of death.

The basement where the hazing took place had a message on the wall;

"In the basement, no one can hear you scream."
Read the inscription on the wall of a fraternity at the University of California, Chico.

"In the basement, no one can hear you scream."

More and more deaths, injuries and emotional trauma caused by hazing are being seen today.

Students are drinking too much alcohol and dying of alcohol poisioning. Others jump off cliffs or out of dorm room windows. Still others suffer sexual assault and psychological damage as a result of hazing rituals.

Many people think hazing only occurs in fraternities or sororities. However, groups such as marching bands have been involved, as have groups of high school age students and athletes of all ages.

Hazing is most common among teenagers and young adults.

Some hazing experts theorize that adults do not participate in hazing because they have a stronger sense of self and do not feel the need to participate in rituals that are humiliating, harmful and potentially deadly to prove themselves.

Hazing is shown in popular movies and in some ways an accepted way of life. Comedies such as Old School and Animal House show scenes of hazing. While some may consider the scenes to be hilarious on the screen, in real life hazing can be much more harmful.

Hank Nuwer is a journalist and author of book about hazing. According to his research posted on stophazing.org, there have been more than 50 recorded deaths in college fraternities alone related to hazing. There have also been many physical injuries and emotional traumas reported. Eighty percent of college athletes report being hazed. Half participated in drinking contests, while two-thirds reported humiliating hazing rituals.

Ohssa.org lists traumatic cases of hazing.

In one instance, a young high school wrestler, who has a learning disability, was sodomized by a plastic knife after being shoved in a locker. For almost any young boy hazing such as this would leave a permanent emotional scar.

Advocates against hazing do not feel that hazing is a right of passage or a silly prank. They feel that hazing is a demeaning, dehumanizing act that can cause insurmountable harm. They also feel that it is life threatening.

There are anti-hazing laws in 42 states including Indiana and Illinois. Many universities have strict 'no hazing' rules. However, under the radar fraternities can not be punished by universities. In the case of Matthew Carrington, several of the people involved were charged with various crimes, including involuntary manslaughter.

Hazing - whether verbal, physical, emotional or sexual - can cause irreversible damage, yet it continues to be a nationwide epedemic.

What exactly is hazing?

1) Is alcohol involved?
2) Will active/current members of the group refuse to participate with the new members and do exactly what they're being asked to do?
3) Does the activity risk emotional or physical abuse?
4) Is there risk of injury or a question of safety?
5) Do you have any reservation describing the activity to your parents, to a professor or University official?
6) Would you object to the activity being photographed for the school newspaper or filmed by the local TV news crew?

If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," the activity is probably hazing.

Adapted from 'Death By Hazing' Sigma Alpha Epsilon. 1988.

Correction:

In the August 5, 2005 summer issue *The Chronicle* incorrectly listed Vice Chancellor Nabil Ibrahim as a professor. *The Chronicle* regrets this mistake.

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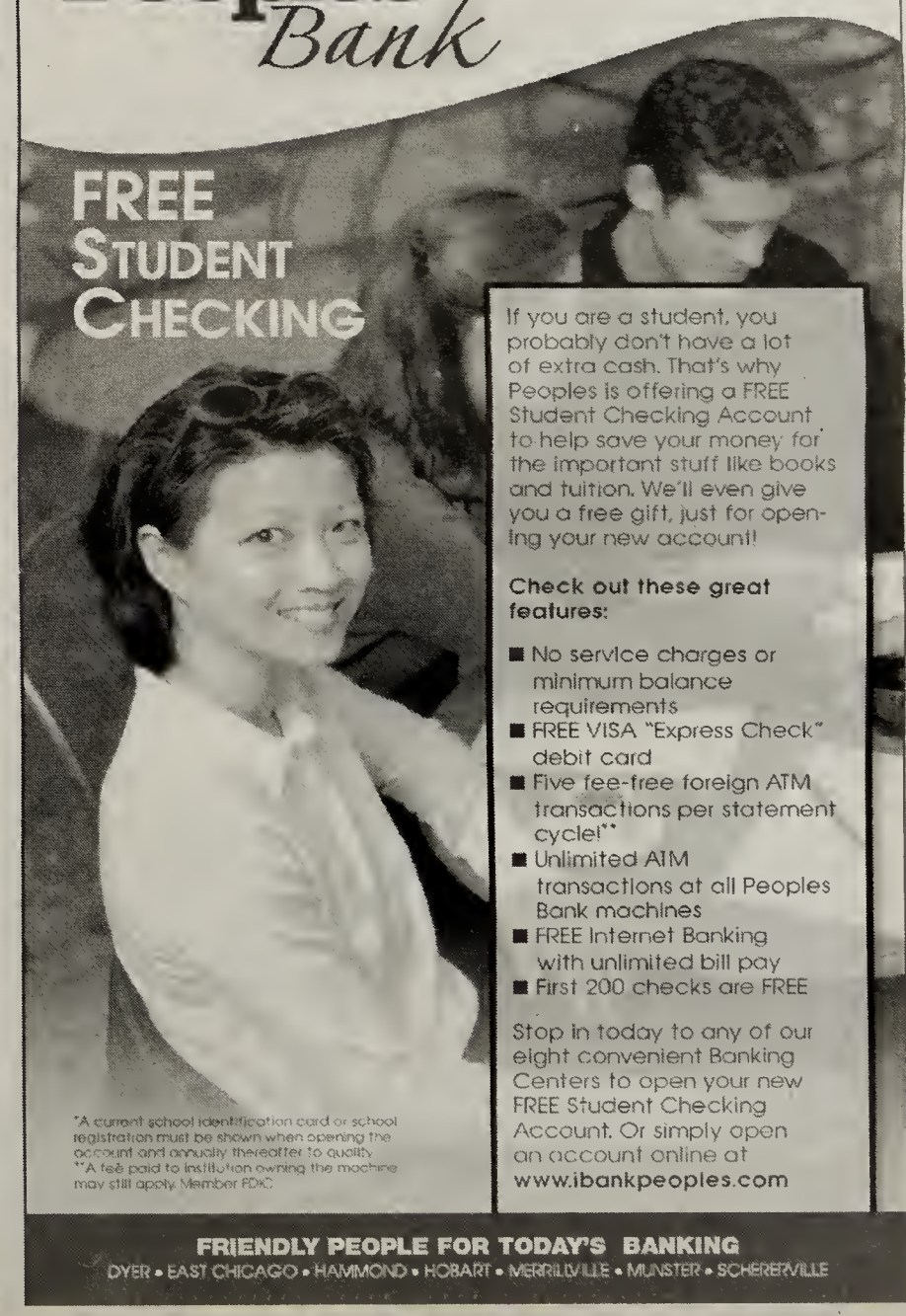

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Do not worry

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body and what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than elothes? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"

This is a quote which most people will not be familiar with beeause it is not a world renowned quote. But where was the quote found? Well that is the most famous book ever written.

Can you guess?

Ok out of time. It is the Bible.

The point of this passage is based on one word: worry.

Too many people worry about things that are beyond their control or worry about things that are very little.

All the time you see a guy who cares for a girl worry about something so small, or vice versa.

Why should anyone worry?

It takes a little time and convincing, but the guy finally will see that there is nothing to worry about.

The same holds true in the life of a student.

This being the beginning of another school year many students seem to find themselves worrying about the little things like whether they will make it *to each class on time, finding that prime parking spot or whatever the case may be. Incoming* freshman have never experienced life as a college student, so of course it seems like every thing that can go wrong is going wrong.

Now with student dorms, new residents had to move in. This is always that chance that they may have forgotten something at home or did not remember to pack a certain item.

Even if you forgot your favorite stuffed animal at home, do not worry. Go home and get it next weekend. It is not the end of the world that you may have forgotten something; it is quite easily fixed.

If we took away all those fears of worrying, things would come easier and more natural. "That good book" talks about the birds in the sky.

What worries do birds have?

All they fly throughout each day and night and live life to the fullest. They do not hide away worrying about anything. Everything is taken care of for them.

It is human nature to worry and be cautious, but too much worrying and what happens?

If a guy worries about every little thing with a girl, eventually he will lose her.

Take a minute to step back and evaluate the situation. Stop and observe the big picture.

Everything will work out, no matter how big or small the problem may seem. We are all taken care of, no matter who you are or what happens.

From the incoming freshman to the graduating senior, there is no reason to worry. Just take a cue from the birds in the sky. There is no need to worry.

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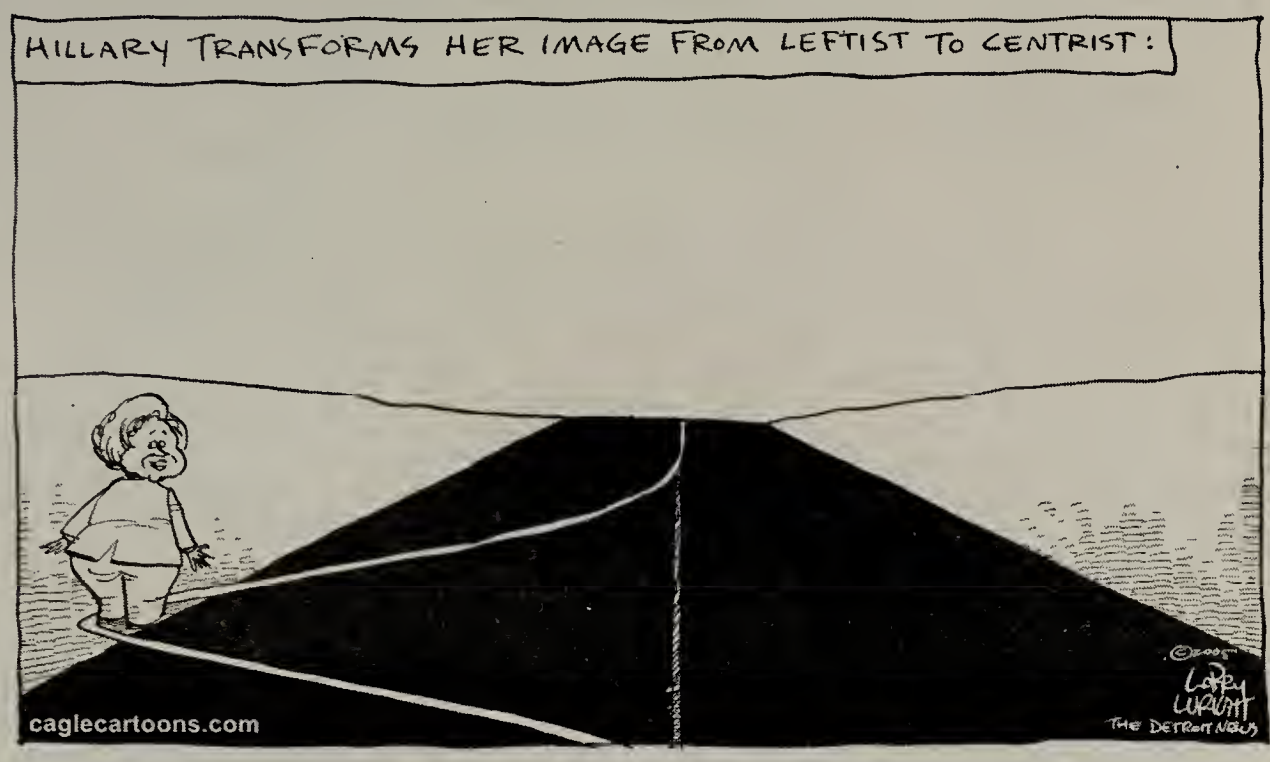

Judge, and be judged

BY MELISSA BATKA
News Editor

Do you want to read something that *may make you lose hope in the goodness* of mankind? May I suggest godhatesfags.com, a website that encourages passing judgment and perpetuating hatred?

I was recently made aware of this site after reading an article in *the Times* about a group of people from Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kansas that picketed the funeral of PFC Adam Hartling of Portage. The website lists a schedule of funerals for fallen soldiers who served in Iraq that the church is encouraging picketers to attend.

According to its members, the tragic events of September 11, 2001 were God's way of punishing America for its tolerance of homosexuality.

So the point of these protests is to pass judgment? To cause additional suffering and pain to people who are already grief *stricken?*

Well, I am sure God shines down on that.

The same weekend that I read that article I was in Chicago and I walked past a man who was screaming into a megaphone that all homosexuals were going to hell.

I had to do a double take because of the way he was talking; I would have thought I walked passed God himself.

Who does that guy think he is? Who do any of these people think they are?

Maybe I am a little naive, but I always thought we were supposed to be examples of God's love and forgiveness.

I was so enraged by his ignorance and intolerance that I was halfway tempted to stand next to him with a sign reading, 'thou shall not judge.'

But it got me thinking.

If God really hates homosexuals because they are "sinners," than does he hate all sinners? And if not, which sinners does he choose to love and which ones does he choose to hate? And who makes that decision? Does God? Do the members of Westboro Baptist Church?

Matthew 7:1 states, "Stop judging, that you may not be judged."

Who among us really has the right to judge?

I have an idea; let he who is without sin cast the first stone.

Any takers? I didn't think so.

Idols are all human after all

BY LINDA MERRICK
Production Manager

Have you ever met someone famous and got to talk with them? Did you have an in depth conversation or a cheesy "I love your work!" small talk? Have you ever had dreams about meeting someone famous?

I had a dream once that I met someone famous. In my dream I met Billy Corgan (former front man of the Smashing Pumpkins and Zwan). I do not remember what was said between us, but I do remember meeting him and I remember he performed for me, but he did not play any Smashing Pumpkins songs.

On May 24, my dream came true! I had the privilege of meeting one of the greatest musicians ever. I got to meet Corgan who played some songs that actually were not Smashing Pumpkins songs.

I got a note on MySpace.com from Corgan's MySpace saying that if we want to go to a Corgan meet-up we have to enter this contest. The contest was simply just guessing a number between 1 and 100 and e-mailing the number we guessed and our name to Corgan's people.

I got an e-mail back saying they picked 88. I guessed 78. Only five people actually guessed 88 so they invited people close to that number to fill slots for 80 people. Everyone who won could bring one friend.

I was in complete shock. I have not won many contests in my life. In the e-mail they gave all the winners a secret location to meet where a charter bus will take us to another secret location. This raised some questions though.

Why won't they tell us where they are taking? My mom even suggested that someone was going to get us on the bus and kidnap us. So we go to this location where they give us VIP passes and then soon put everyone on a big, double-decker bus.

The bus driver drives us around a bit then takes to a side of a building where they take us down an alley and made us leave all cell phones on the bus. I must say that this was a bit scary and made all those questions raised earlier come back to haunt me some. I thought surely we were getting kidnapped. But as soon as we got in the door, I instantly realized where I was at. They took us to The Rivera.

Soon after we got there Corgan and his band came on stage. He played four songs from his new album "The Future Embrace." He told us that this was just practice for his upcoming tour. He joked around with the crowd some while the entire time video cameras were in everyone's faces.

After Corgan practiced some, everyone got back on the bus, including Corgan and his band. After a short ride around Chicago we ended up at a hot dog joint, where Corgan bought everyone a hot dog. While at the hot dog place he came and talked a little to everyone.

I ended up having that cheesy conversation. I just mentioned how great it was to be able to see him play since I never saw the Smashing Pumpkins or Zwan. He said that if he would've known that he would've played more than four songs. He proceeded to say how nervous he was up there playing and I just responded with a, "I think we were all nervous."

It was awesome being able to meet my idol, a celebrity, but when you do meet a celebrity you see that they are not much different from the rest of us. They are human too.

Follow your dreams

BY RICK HOLTZ
Managing Editor

Allan has always wanted to run for Congress. He has put it off many years, and has gone down paths that have led him away from his dream.

Instead of being involved in politics as a young adult, Allan got married and had a family. In order to support his family he went to work each day, all the while attending college at night. Time had passed and Allan put his dream on the back burner. He had a family to support.

His two small children were no longer small. Allan finally had graduated from college with his bachelor's degree, became an accountant and went on to get his Masters degree in business management.

Allan's priorities had changed from when he was an idealistic young adult, but he still had that dream of one day being a member of Congress.

Some may say that since Allan had a family, then he should put his personal dreams aside and do what is best for the family. At the time he needed to meet family goals, rather than pursue his personal dreams.

Others may say that he should have respected his family's needs, but still found a way to go for his personal goals.

Society is split on this issue. We live in a society where the majority of people think in the "me and now."

People around us may fight for what they want, not that it is always a bad thing, but where do you draw the line?

Is it better for people to give up their dreams or to pursue them, even if it will make others suffer? The answer may differ for different people.

Being that this is a new semester, everyone has a fresh start. No matter what stopped you before, do not let it be an excuse now.

Maybe you struggled in your classes in previous years. Now can be the time to buckle down and get better grades. Do not let past grades prevent you from stepping up to the plate and getting better grades.

"A" students and "C-" students all start off with a blank slate.

Perhaps grades are not your weakness, but you feel that there is still room to improve in the way you spend time studying. Bad study habits, like any habit, are something that is hard to break.

Maybe you will need to join a study group or work closer with the professor to make sure that you do not fall behind.

A new semester may be just what you need to go after that dream that almost got away. College life is full of changes. Maybe the change that needs to happen is in the lifestyle you lead. A change may be just what you need to go out there and follow your dream.

You never know. Allan may be thinking about going after his dream.

If Allan can achieve his dream after all of these years of working and helping to raise a family, what is our excuse?

New beginnings

BY DARREN ZANCAN
Editor in Chief

A few days ago I met with a pastor from the church I have been attending on a regular basis to talk about some things that have been on my mind.

Everything he told me made total sense. When I arrived at church on Sunday, the pastor spoke on what we had talked about earlier that week.

The subject was the past and the future.

I, of course, have a past. I would say that most of it is not the best of memories. I have a lot of habits that are not healthy and many that need to be broken.

For most people, their pasts haunt them. Many times they cannot escape something from the past, whether it would be the death of a loved one, an addiction or something else.

We always seem to be tempted by the past. Sometimes we run from the past or think that if we forget about it, then things will turn around.

What some people do not realize is that the past will never be forgotten. We just need to find a way to take what has happened to us and work with it.

Let your past guide you to a better future.

I think for many of us we are afraid to talk about the subject of God. Personally, I would say that at one time I was deathly afraid to accept anything from God or anything religious, let alone talk about it.

Some people may not believe in God and some may not believe in religion.

For six years I walked away from what I knew was God, mainly because things got hard and I placed the blame on God.

I know I was wrong.

I took the past and instead of finding a silver lining within it, I let the past control my thoughts and in return control my relationship with God. Now after a series of events my life and my future are lying directly in the arms of God.

Miracles were something I never believed in, but I have experienced two this summer (God healed my ear after several failed attempts and God sent me the most amazing girl who has the most amazing relationship with God).

I know that when I pray, there is someone that sincerely hears what I am saying. For many people that know me, they may think this is all a little bit weird.

At first I thought it was weird too. Not anymore.

Why be afraid of the future?

As long as you have someone powerful on your side nothing matters. There are two roads you can choose to walk on.

The first path is the road that leads to nowhere and the other road is the path of a future.

For many years I walked alone, but I look and I see a new beginning. I chose the second path, not for now, but for all of the future.

I hope one person reads this and sees the things I saw, and walks the other road. Maybe that will happen, just maybe.

Welcome to PUC, freshmen

BY ELIZABETH WILKINSON
Chief Copy Editor

I remember my first day of college like it was yesterday. I was really nervous about meeting new people, going to classes and experiencing the unknown.

It's been two years since that day and I have adjusted to college life fine. However, this week hundreds of new students will start their lives at PUC.

Whether here for only a semester, or through the Masters program, the first weeks of college can be scary for everyone. I guess I'll get up on my soapbox and give the new students at PUC some advice.

First of all, get used to the taste of coffee and or Red Bull.

You will thank yourself around midterms and again at finals. It sounds stereotypical, but some days you need a hot coffee just to get through a class. I recommend the French Vanilla cappuccino if you are seeking coffee on campus.

Second, do not try to study in the TV room. You are fooling yourself if you think you will get anything accomplished in there. It is a wonderful place to meet friends, watch TV and play games but is not a good place to learn.

Do your homework in the library or lounge.

Next, get the free popcorn UPS hands out. It's a free, tasty snack and if you do not grab a bag you might regret it.

Join the gym. The freshman fifteen is real. Combat it early.

At such discounted rates, it pays to go hit the treadmill a few times a week. You'll also have energy to get through the day better.

Invest in a good hoodie. It's an essential part of the college student's wardrobe. I have about 15 now. No one cares as much about how you look as you do. Go for comfort.

Don't be intimidated. I was scared to speak my first semester here.

I was too scared to join any organizations, or meet new friends. I got over it and I'm happier now.

Go to class. It seems obvious, but it does a world of good. You are paying an arm and a leg for those classes, you might as well go. You might even learn something fun or get a good nap. Either way attendance points never hurt.

These are small things that have helped me along the way, as silly as they may be.

My real advice is to find your niche and make the most out of your time here.

Things are changing all over campus, so enjoy it and enjoy what the campus has to offer.

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Niagara is only a day away

BY RICK HOLTZ
Managing Editor

Although class has just begun, it is never too early to start planning that next perfect weekend get away.

Sometimes students need that extra incentive to get through the semester. One incentive could be planning a mini vacation to take your mind off of all the stress that surrounds class.

Niagara Falls is a perfect place for a long weekend get-away before the weather gets too cold.

Niagara Falls is more than just seeing a waterfall. It is a town that has many different things to offer.

For those interested in history, a visit to Niagara Falls would not be complete without a visit to Fort Niagara.

The fort was a major part of this country's early history, being on a strategic water route. One noteworthy fact about the fort is that it was held at one point in history by the French, British, Native Americans and the American colonists.

The fort saw plenty of battles and is a sure stop for anyone interested in the early years of this country.

Back by the falls, visitors can hop a ride on the Maid of the Mist. The Mist is a boat that takes riders out and around the two falls, the American Falls and the Horseshoe Falls.

The boat ride is the perfect way to get that original photo that non-riders will not have.

The more adventurous can even walk underneath the falls on the path marked out in the park.

Down stream from the falls, people can ride another boat up close to a continuous whirlpool. The whirlpool is visible from the cliff above, but nothing can beat seeing it up close and personal.

For a better view of the falls, travel across to the Canadian side of the falls. While most of Niagara Falls is on the United States side, Canada has a great view.

Tourists can either walk or drive across the bridge into Canada, having to stop at the checkpoints either way.

On certain nights, viewers are treated to fireworks shot off above the falls. If you are lucky enough to be in attendance for one of these night, it definitely is a must see.

Chronicle photo by Rick Holtz

Niagra Falls is a perfect spot to hit if you are looking for a mini vacation. There is plenty to do with the whole family or with some close friends.

One downfall to driving across to Canada is the cost of parking, if you are lucky enough to find any spot relatively close to the falls. If you are not so lucky to be at the falls during a less busy time, parking can seem quite difficult, at least finding any parking without having a long walk to get back to the falls.

At night the falls are lit with multiple colored lights from Canada. On certain nights, viewers are treated to fireworks shot off above the falls. If you are lucky enough to be in attendance for one of these nights, it definitely is a must see.

There are plenty of places worth visiting for dinner no matter which country you choose. Whether you prefer being in the United States or Canada, dinner was just a short walk from the falls.

The only downfall to Niagara was more of personal preference. The skyline by the falls was hurt by the bright lights of the two casinos on the Canadian side. The city of Niagara Falls also fell into this, having a casino of its own only a few miles from the park.

The casinos did not really hurt the view of the falls themselves, but casinos hardly seem necessary considering all that Niagara Falls has to offer.

With Labor Day right around the corner, maybe it is time to check out one of nature's greatest wonders. Niagara Falls is just far enough away to make you forget all your troubles back here in Indiana.

'The Skeleton Key' unlocks boredom

BY JADE LEE CULBERSON
Senior Staff Writer

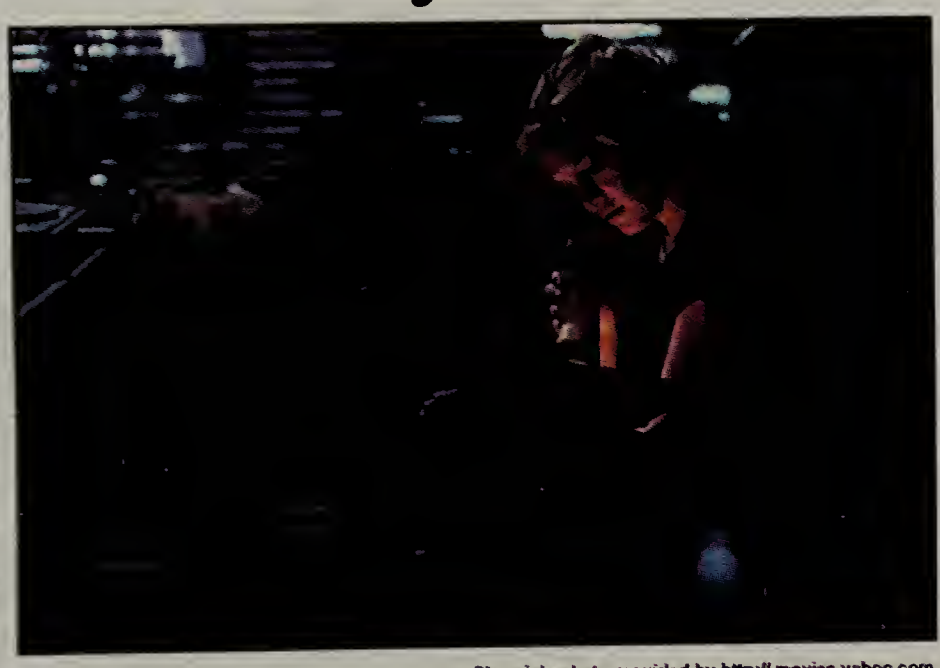
"The Skeleton Key" unlocks an hour and 44 minutes of cliché and an ending that manages to be both unexpected and unsatisfying.

Caroline (Kate Hudson, filling the role of the innocent-looking blond girl) is a nursing student working in a New Orleans Hospice. Dissatisfied with the depersonalization the patients are treated with, she answers an ad for a live-in Hospice worker in a run-down plantation house on the swamps, much to the dismay of her best friend Jill (Joy Bryant).

Cinematography by Daniel Mindel does an excellent job of illustrating just how removed from civilization this house is and just how creepy, though beautiful, Louisiana can appear.

Luke (Peter Saragaard) is the cute and helpful state lawyer aiding battle-ax Violet (Gena Rowlands, who holds her own well through at least the first three-quarters of the film) in her reluctant search for a home-care worker for her debilitated husband, Ben (John Hurt).

Violet does not like New Jersey-born Caroline and says she will not "understand the house," but Luke seems to think she is perfect for the job. Caroline is to be the replacement for another girl who recently quit and so she is quickly hired.



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'The Skeleton Key' lacks the fire power of more recent scary movies. A strong cast helps with what turns out to be an unsatisfying ending.

Caroline's job seems easy; to care for Ben, who has been left barely able to move and is unable to speak following a stroke. There are rooms of the house Violet says are never used, but she gives Caroline a skeleton key, which opens all the doors except for a mysterious one within the attic.

Caroline quickly learns that there is more to the house, and situation, than she expected. Caroline soon becomes sure that Ben is trying to ask her for help, especially after he manages to crawl out a window during a severe rainstorm.

As quick attempts at logical inquiries fail, Caroline begins to dig into the house's history and local superstition to find answers to the mounting questions.

Long explanations detailing hoodoo, think voodoo sans religion, do little but take up time and border on culturally and racially offensive, a border that is fully crossed in at least one scene. Director Iain Softley takes what could have been creepy and presents it as lackluster cliché.

When Caroline finally confronts Violet about the house's history, Violet's stories about servants at the plantation 90 years ago, Papa Justify (Ronald McCall) and Mama Cecile (Jeryl Prescott Sales), are told badly. The problems seem to be script-based. Like much of Ehren Kruger's script, the scene falls flat because of it.

The surprise ending happens too quickly to gain momentum and answers too few questions. "The Skeleton Key" ends a scene too early to do what it seemed to be trying to do. But an unsatisfying ending seems an appropriate conclusion to a so-called horror film that lacks suspense.

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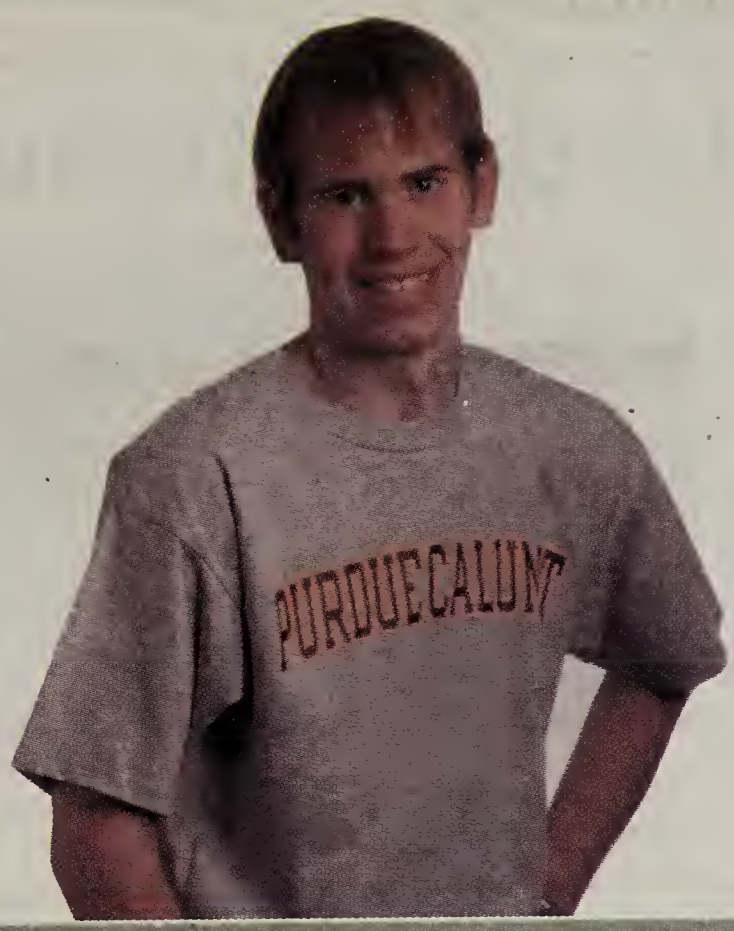

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Rockin' out with Adam Richman

BY VITA LAZAUSKAS
Staff Writer

Adam Richman is making a name for himself in today's music world.

In 2001 Richman began recording his first CD in his apartment in Washington DC after leaving college. Since then Richman has gotten gigs opening for Tyler Hilton, Ingram Hill, Puffy Ami Yumi and many more.

Richman has also recently appeared on TV in the New York City area.

"I've met a few who made music I've loved but I don't think there's much to be gained by meeting them," says Richman. "I prefer to watch them work and be inspired by it."

Richman's unique sound and heart-felt lyrics grab the attention of music lovers of all ages. His current CD, "Patience and Science" is proof that great music can get out to the people without a major record label.

Richman has not only been playing guitar and piano since grade school, but at the age of 12 he had learned to record as well as accompany himself with the use of computers. With the help of Indie label Or Records based out of New York, Richman's "Patience and Science" is speaking the words many college students are feeling.

Richman gives credit to those who have helped and supported him along the way.

"Mostly my parents, who believed in me every step of the way and supported my decisions, as well as my manager and my agents who helped me get college gigs for years while I learned how to be a performer," says Richman. "All of the people who helped me along the way are in this thing just as deep as I am."

Music has always been a part of Richman's life, and there are many things he loves about being a musician.

"I love writing, playing, singing, and producing music," adds Richman. "I have done it in one way or another for my entire life."

Richman has always enjoyed music, and he hopes to keep enjoying it throughout his life. "I hope to be able to make records forever and I hope there will be a few people who always want to hear them."

Life, irony, heartbreak and insecurity inspire Richman in his writing.

Richman continues touring the country, meeting his fans, and inspiring people from all walks of life. In January Richman will be a musical guest on The Rock Boat, a cruise started by Sister Hazel that has round the clock musical entertainment by bands with many different influences and tastes.

To learn more about Adam Richman you can log on to his web site at www.adamrichman.com.

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Adam Richman has made a name for himself with his unique sound and his heart-felt lyrics.

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If the possibility of a violation is in question, the student will receive a hearing with the dean's office in which they will be given an opportunity to respond to the charges.

And according to Section C-4b, the hearing will end in one of three ways.

If the dean's office determines that the alleged violation is not supported by the evidence, the charges will be dismissed.

If the dean's office believes the alleged violation occurred as suggested, but that no disciplinary action is needed, the student will be notified and the dean's office's decision will be final.

If the dean's office determines disciplinary action is necessary, it will take action.

Disciplinary measures include disciplinary probation, in which a student will have a probationary status imposed on him or her.

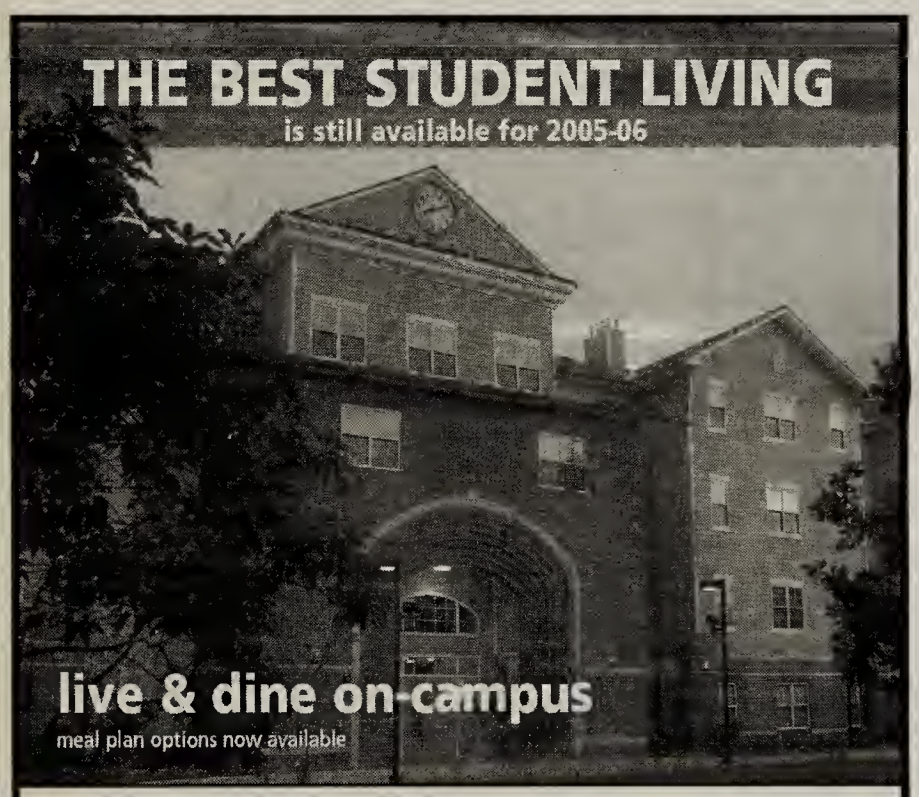
Other possibilities include probated suspension, which means a "conditional continuation of student status for a limited and defined period of time."

Suspension and expulsion are also potential disciplinary actions to be taken by the dean's office.

Avila said he and his organization were deeply affected by the incident.

"It's hurt the chapter. No one expected it," said Avila. "The remaining active members felt alone."

"We wish no ill will toward the four involved. We hope that they will remain with the university. The university will decide what is best."



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Dining

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New roommates, Samantha Franzese, Laura Bakon and Stephanie Bourden, spend time together at the Oaken Arbor Cafe. Standing Reservations hopes to make dining services more accessible to students and faculty.

"These cards are only good in the CLO Grab and Go and in the cafeteria, but we are adding a third location shortly," said Posen.

The plan is available to anyone that attends PUC, included faculty, nonresidential students and residential students.

Posen said that they have only promoted the program within the last few weeks, but the faculty seemed very interested.

"The faculty is here everyday of the week, so it is something that we are really supportive of," said Judith Kaufman, vice chancellor of advancement. "It helps especially for those who want to get in and out of line quickly or those who normally need change back."

For the residential students more items will be available to bring back to their apartments.

"The students will be able to buy rotisserie chickens, whole pizzas that they can cook when they get back to their place, Ben and Jerry's ice cream among other products," said Posen.

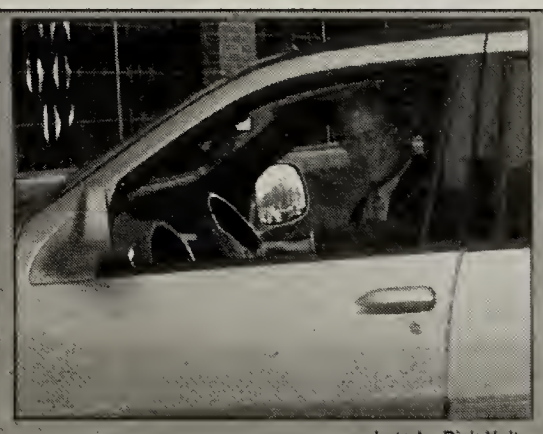
After a plan is purchased, the balance will be placed on the individual's ID card and each card will have a special code for their plan. Printouts can be obtained reflecting the balance on the cards from cashiers. Cardholders can add more money to their plan throughout the course of the semester. If the entire balance is not used during the fall semester the balance rolls over to the spring semester. Unused balances after the end of the spring semester will not be refunded.

The plan is available to anyone that attends PUC, included faculty, nonresidential students and residential students.

"Parents were behind this program as soon as they heard about it," said Kaufman.

Samantha Franzese, a sophomore in LAS youth and family services, is just one of the students who will be taking advantage of Standing Reservations. Franzese is a resident of the University Village. Her mother signed her up for the 200 meal plan because she wanted to make sure that she had easy access to meals whenever she needed it.

"I don't know how often I will use my card," said Franzese. "But it is a good fall back plan incase I run out of Easy Mac."



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The wait is finally over

Chancellor Howard Cohen was the first to park his car in PUC's brand new parking garage which officially opens August 29, 2005.

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What the Funk...

Hutchinson wrong choice, give Orton a chance

BY DAVID P. FUNK
Sports Editor

With Rex Grossman expected to be out three to four months with a broken left ankle, the Bears have signed veteran journeyman Jeff Blake and named Chad Hutchinson starting quarterback.

Unfortunately, they made the wrong choice.

Kyle Orton, the fourth round draft pick out of Purdue, is the quarterback who should be playing with the first team in the remaining preseason games and when the season begins.

A friend recently mentioned to me that, "I know Orton will be playing in the third game, and you know that Orton will be playing in the third game, but Lovie Smith doesn't, yet."

Anyone with even the slightest bit of football knowledge can tell yon that Hutchinson holds the ball far too long. That results in unnecessary sacks and fumbles. Hntchinson has fumbled the ball 15 times in 20 career games.

Hutchinson's career passer rating is a dismal 69.1. He has completed only 53 percent of his passes.

With only nine career starts, the argument that Hutchinson has more experience is invalid.

Orton is only a rookie, so he docsn't havc any NFL stats to compare, aside from his preseason games.

However, comparing those can only lead to one conclnsion.

Orton is leading the National Football Conference in passing yards this preseason with 335. He has completed 20 of 31 passes with one tonchdown and has a passer rating of 84.7.

Hutchison has completed 17 of 28 passes for 178 yards. He has yet to throw a tonchdown pass and has a passer rating of 49.7 after throwing two interceptions.

Then, there is the argument that, as a rookic, Orton will be easily flustered in the pocket and make bad decisions. Orton answered that in an interview with chicagobears.com.

"I've always been confident," Orton said. "If I wasn't confident I wonldn't be playing. I'm confident that if I have to play, then I'll play well. I'm not going to go out there and play bad. I haven't done that for four years in college and I don't plan on doing it now."

He's right. At Purdne, Orton threw 63 tonchdowns compared to only 28 interceptions (an incredible 31 to 5 during his senior campaign). He is Purdue's career leadcr with a 2.43 interception percentage (only 28 interceptions in 947 attempts). He was efficient and made good decisions. How can the Bears assume that will not translate into his NFL career?

Chad Hutchinson, top, has been named the starting QB, but look for Kyle Orton, bottom, to take over the reigns while the season is young. Orton has outperformed Hutchinson this preseason.

Why not give Kyle Orton a chance?

Ben Roethlisberger proved last year that a rookie quarterback can lead a winner, going 15-1 with the Steelers.

My friend was right. When is Lovie going to get it?

Final Standings for PUC Darts league

Place	Team members
#1	Nick Kalwinski/Kevin Dost
#2	Danny Davies/Dave Miller
#3	Amanda Morrone/Pete Fagan
#4	Matt Dudzik/Jim Novosel
#5	Roger Razzo/John Tomera
#6	Dan Bukowski/Ron Moore
#7	Adam Taylor/Brandon Popovich
#8	Jennie Hamilton/Pam Bateman

Donations to the Sailing Club

For information on making donations to the PUC sailing club toward their renovation of Shenandoah, contact Kara Griffin in the Office of Advancement at 989-2323.

CORRECTION:

The August 5 issue of The Chronicle stated that Amanda Morrone was the only female member of the darts league. There are actually two other female members: Jennie Hamilton and Pam Bateman.

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PGA Tour season recap

BY WALLY KOLODZIEJ
Staff Writer

This past golf season was anticlimactic, particularly in the majors.

In April during the Masters, the first of the four majors, Tiger Woods striped a drive right down the middle of the fairway on the 18th hole before knocking a solid 8-iron approach to the green.

Woods' season will be remembered for his winning of a fourth green jacket with a clutch 15-foot birdie putt.

Two months later, the US Open was taking place in Pinehurst, North Carolina.

Woods was ready for his second consecutive major win of the year, but a journeyman who had never lived up to his potential, Michael Campbell, got in his way.

Missed putts by Woods on the 16th and 17th cost him the round and the victory.

A month later, the British Open was again played at St. Andrews in Fife, Scotland.

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Tiger Woods was in contention in all four majors in 2005, but fell just short in the British Open and Tour Championship.

This was where Woods shot a 14 under to win by five strokes over Colin Montgomerie.

The last of the four majors, the PGA Tour Championship, was played at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, New Jersey.

Phil Mickelson pulled off the victory for only the second major of his career, while a lurking Woods finished only two strokes back.

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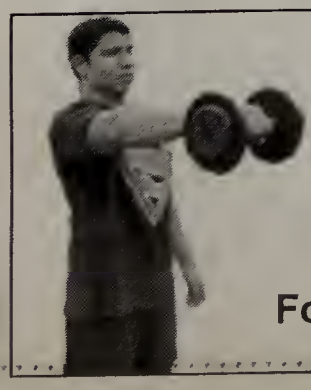
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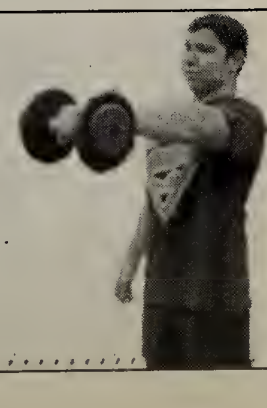


NASCAR gets exciting with 'Chase' approaching

BY CHRIS ZACNY
Staff Writer

NASCAR's Nextel Cup point leader Tony Stewart has clinched a spot in the second annual Chase for the Nextel Cup after finishing fifth at the GFS Marketplace 400 at Michigan International Speedway.

Stewart's Number 20 Home Depot Chevrolet remains first in the standings with a 126 point lead over the current second place driver, Jimmie Johnson.

Johnson and his Number 48 Lowes Chevrolet can qualify for the "Chase" by just starting in the next three races. The "Chase" officially begins September 18 at New Hampshire.

This should be Johnson's second visit to the "Chase" were he started the ten race sprint in first and also finished second.

Greg Biffle, third in points, is also likely to secure a position in the "Chase."

Retiring drivers Rusty Wallace (fourth) and Mark Martin (fifth) should also get seats. Neither of these drivers has ever won the Nextel Cup Championship but both have put themselves in a position to win it all in their final year.

Jeremy Mayfield sits in sixth position and defending champion Kurt Busch is in seventh.

Purdue engineering graduate Ryan Newman is also hunting for a position sitting eighth in points.

Some of the more popular drivers on the circuit are on the outside looking in. Dale Jarrett sits in eleventh, 49 points behind the tenth and final spot. Dale Earnhardt Jr., maybe the most popular driver in racing, is almost mathematically eliminated sitting sixteenth in points.

The four time Cup winner Jeff Gordon also has only an outside shot. Gordon is twelfth in points and has had major car issues this whole year.

"Gordon won't win anything," said Tim Jahaske, a senior in political science. "He's like Tiger Woods, all dried up.

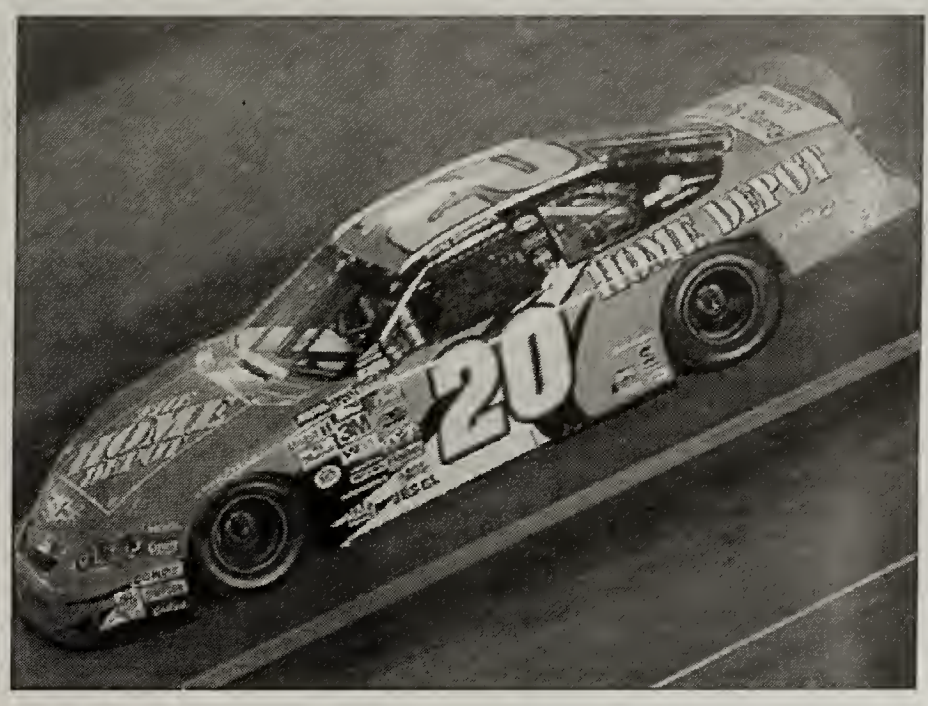
"There are new and up-and-coming drivers that will do better."

Two of those "new and up-and-coming drivers" are Carl Edwards are Jamie McMurray.

Edwards sits ninth in points and has seven top five finishes and ten top ten finishes. He also adds on to his resume two victories this year.

McMurray is only 51 points ahead of Jarrett, but has had a solid year. He has zero victories but four top five finishes and seven top ten.

NASCAR fans will have to wait until September to see how things pan out.



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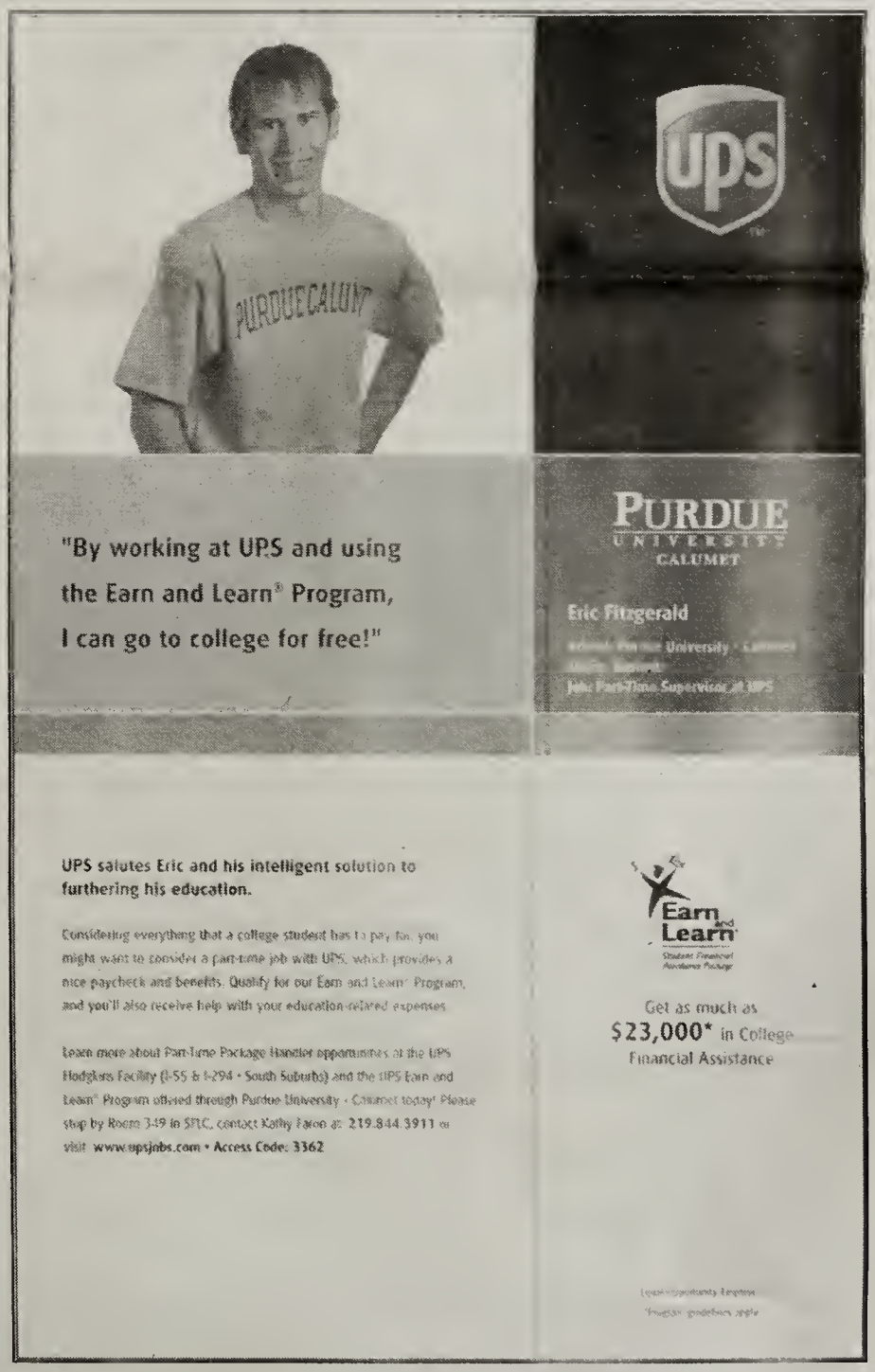

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Quarterback woes hurt Bears, again

BY CHRIS ZACNY
Staff Writer

The Chicago Bears offense will start the 2005-2006 football season the same way they ended last year; without starting quarterback Rex Grossman.

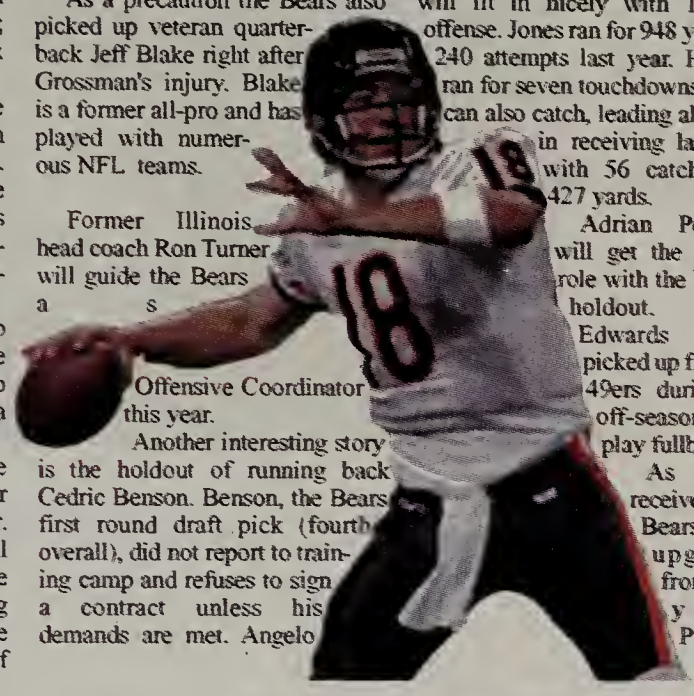
Grossman was injured in the second quarter of a preseason game with the Saint Louis Rams. The broken left ankle will sideline Grossman for three to four months and leave Coach Lovie Smith looking for another starting quarterback.

"No backup has done the job since Jerry Angelo has been the General Manager. There will be no difference this year," said Linda Lutes, a senior in sociology.

Chad Hutchinson will replace Grossman again this year after going 1-4 as the starter last year. The 27-year-old Hutchinson will have time to learn more of the offense this year instead of being thrown in the thick of things like he was last year, dropping the surf board to pick up the shoulder pads.

The Bears also picked up former Purdue star Kyle Orton in the draft. Hehas looked sharp this preseason and could start if Hutchinson cannot do the job.

As a precaution the Bears also picked up veteran quarterback Jeff Blake right after Grossman's injury. Blake is a former all-pro and has played with numerous NFL teams.



Former Illinois head coach Ron Turner will guide the Bears as Offensive Coordinator this year.

Another interesting story is the holdout of running back Cedric Benson. Benson, the Bears first round draft pick (fourth overall), did not report to training camp and refuses to sign a contract unless his demands are met. Angelo has stated that the Bears have made their final offer to Benson and he can take it or leave it.

Other than the Benson holdout, the Bears are solid at running back.

Expected starter Thomas Jones will fit in nicely with Turner's offense. Jones ran for 948 yards on 240 attempts last year. He also ran for seven touchdowns. Jones can also catch, leading all Bears in receiving last year with 56 catches for 427 yards.

Adrian Peterson will get the backup role with the Benson holdout. Marc Edwards was picked up from the 49ers during the off-season to play fullback.

As for receivers, the Bears have upgraded from last year. Picking up Muhsin Muhammad has increased the deep threat incredibly. He will be the number one overall receiver while Justin Gage will be number two. But the number two job is not locked up as Bernard Berrian (15 catches for 225 yards) is a very physical wide out who can hurt defenses with his speed. Returning wide out, Bobby Wade (42 catches for 481 yards), should also carry his weight.

However, the most impressive player so far this preseason may be Mark Bradley, who leads the league in receiving as a rookie with 243 yards.

Dustin Lyman and Desmond Clark (24 catches for 282 yards) will battle for the starting tight end spot.

The offensive line is anchored by all-pro center Olin Kreutz. Terrence Metcalf and Roberto Garza will battle for right guard, but the job will likely be Metcalf's because Garza is Kreutz' back up. All-pro John Tait will start at left tackle and Fred Miller will start at right tackle. Ruben Brown, another former all-pro, will start at left guard.

The Bears offense may have to fight an uphill battle to put points on the board at times this season.

NFC North 2004 Final Standings

	Record	PCT	PF	PA
Green Bay	10-6	.625	424	380
Minnesota	8-8	.500	405	395
Detroit	6-10	.375	296	350
BEARS	5-11	.312	231	331

Look next week a preview of the Bears defense.

Parity in NFL makes for exciting season

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The end of August brings another exciting NFL season that will begin September 8 when the Oakland Raiders visit the defending Super Bowl champion New England Patriots.

The Bears will open their season in Washington D.C. to battle the Redskins on September 11. The Bears look to improve on their 5-11 record of a year ago. The loss of Rex Grossman puts a huge responsibility on their defense, led by Brian Urlacher and Adewale Ogunleye.

The National Football Conference will again be strong this year with such teams as the Atlanta Falcons, Minnesota Vikings and the Philadelphia Eagles.

The Falcons are led by the exciting quarterback Mike Vick. The Falcons will also showcase one of the better defenses in the NFL with D'Angelo Hall patrolling the secondary.

The Vikings are led by their quarterback Daunte Culpepper. They added much depth in the off season on the defensive side of the ball with the additions of Fred Smoot, Napoleon Harris and Darren Sharper. The main question surrounding the Vikings will be how they will survive without all-pro wide receiver Randy Moss.

Donovan McNabb will again lead the Philadelphia Eagles after a long off-season of turmoil surrounding all-pro wide receiver Terrell Owens. Owens has owned the headlines by demanding the Eagles re-structure his contract The Eagles will look to get back to the Super Bowl where they were last year.

There are several potential surprise teams. The Carolina Panthers are led by quarterback Jake Delhomme.

The Arizona Cardinals are led by their new quarterback and former Most Valuable Player Kurt Warner.

The Detroit Lions field perhaps the best receiving corps in the NFL. The Lions feature Charles Rogers, Roy Williams and rookie Mike Williams, whom the team has expectations for.

The Indianapolis Colts, New England Patriots, Pittsburgh Steelers and the San Diego Chargers will be the teams to beat from the American Football Conference this year.

The Colts are led by last years' MVP Peyton Manning and star wide receiver Marvin Harrison. The Colts will also feature running back Edgerrin James and receivers Reggie Wayne and Brandon Stokley.

Tom Brady will once again anchor the Patriots offense with running back Corey Dillon. The Patriots will face a challenge with the losses of coordinators Romeo Crennel and Charlie Weis.

The Steelers are led by second year quarterback Ben Roethlisberger. It will be tough for the Steelers to duplicate their 15-1 record of a year ago but their running game will have to carry the load just like last year when they led the league in number of rushes per game.

Perhaps the best player in the NFL, LaDainian Tomlinson, will help the Chargers in their attempt to repeat as AFC West Division Champs. Former Purdue standout Drew Brees looks the lead the Chargers back to the playoffs. The Chargers defense is led by Donnie Edwards, who had 150 tackles last year.

The AFC also has the Baltimore Ravens who again have a solid defense led by Ray Lewis.

The New York Jets and Denver Broncos look to duplicate their ten win seasons of a year ago.

The parity in the NFL should make for an exciting season. How it will conclude is anyone's guess.

Triple Crown Watch

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Cubs All-Star first baseman, Derrek Lee

.350 batting average	1st
37 home runs	2nd
91 runs batted in	13th

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